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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

YOSHITOMO NAGAHASHI ET AL. : EXAMINER: ESPLIN, D. B.

SERIAL NO: 09/994,053 :

FILED: NOVEMBER 27, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2851

FOR: EXPOSURE APPARATUS, DEVICE : DATE ALLOWED: JANUARY 27, 2004  
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL  
METHOD OF EXPOSURE  
APPARATUS

RESUBMISSION OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

This is a resubmission of the Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 (a)(3) filed on March 29, 2004, requesting that the Examiner be instructed by the Commissioner or his representative to notify Applicants of proper consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) that was filed on February 26, 2002. Copies of the resigned Petition filed on March 29, 2004, and the resigned IDS and the PTO-1449 form filed on February 26, 2002, are provided herewith along with the date-stamped filing receipts.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3)**

Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3)

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SIR:

This is a Petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3) requesting that the Examiner be instructed by the Commissioner or his representative to notify Applicants of proper consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) that was filed on February 26, 2002.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On February 26, 2002, Applicants filed the above-noted IDS under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. On September 15, 2003, and January 9, 2004, Applicants filed the copies of the IDS, the Form PTO-1449, and the date-stamped Filing Receipt, and respectfully requested the Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned to Applicants' representative. The PTO has not responded to this IDS filing by supplying Applicants with a copy of the Form PTO-1449 filed February 26, 2002, that has been properly initialed by the Examiner.

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POINT FOR REVIEW

The point for review is why Applicants have not been provided a copy of the above-noted Form PTO-1449 filed February 26, 2002, properly initialed by the Examiner in correspondence with the rules.

ACTION REQUESTED

In light of the above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner be directed to provide Applicants a copy of the above-noted Form PTO-1449 filed February 26, 2002, properly initialed by the Examiner in correspondence with the rules.

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OF EXPOSURE APPARATUS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references, some of which are cited in the attached International Search Report and International Preliminary Examination Report listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**CERTIFICATION**

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,877,843	03/02/99	Shin-ichi TAKAGI, et al.			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AO	9-82626	03/28/97	JAPAN (with corr. US 5,877,843)		X
	AP	7-130613	05/19/95	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
	AQ	4-22118	01/27/92	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
	AR	6-318538	11/15/94	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
	AS	6-176998	06/24/94	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
	AT	5-129181	05/25/93	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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